

SAF/LLZ (Legislative Research Team)

PELOSI, Nancy (Democrat)  
Representative, 8th District, California  
Elected 2Jun87 to the 100th Congress  
Reelected to succeeding Congresses



## BACKGROUND

Born: Baltimore, Maryland - March 26, 1940  
Home: San Francisco, California  
Marital Status: Married (Paul) - 5 children  
Religion: Roman Catholic  
Education: Trinity College, A.B., 1962  
Military: None

Profession: Public relations consultant

Political: CA State Democratic Party chairman, 1981-3; finance chairman, Democratic Senatorial Campaign Cmte, 1985-7. Won special primary to succeed Rep Sala Burton (D) who died in Feb87 and later won in a runoff. Reelected in 1992 with 83% of the vote to the 8th district (previously represented the 5th) and in 1998 with 86%. Reelected in 2000 with 85% of the vote.

Rep Pelosi, a liberal, is considered a savvy politician. Appointed to the Intelligence Cmte at the start of the 103d Congress. Co-founder of the Congressional Asian-Pacific American Caucus. In the 104th Congress, opposed the FY96 DoD appropriations bill citing "unnecessary" funding it contained for Seawolf submarines and B-2s. Opposed language in the FY96 DoD authorization conference report regarding expulsion of HIV-infected military members.

During 105th Congress stated "I don't think we have enough counterintelligence activities going on concerning China, as was well as straight intelligence gathering, especially for a country with so much military capability." In the 106th Congress, during debate on H.J.Res. 57, the China Trade Resolution, commented that there were three areas of concern: human rights, the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction by China, and the trade imbalance issue. (CR, 26Jul99) Denounced a compromise deal allowing US to pay most of its \$1 billion debt to the UN in return for a ban on US funds for organizations that promote abortion rights. Said the American people want the country to pay UN dues and that to link the two is totally irresponsible. (Yahoo News, 17Nov99)

In the 107th Congress, defeated Rep Steny Hoyer (D-MD) to become Minority Whip for the 2nd Session, replacing Rep Bonior (D-MI) who stepped down. Supported an immediate end to Navy live-fire weapons training at the Vieques, Puerto Rico, range. Voted for the war powers resolution following the 11Sep01 terrorist attacks. Supported the FY02 intelligence authorization bill, noting that it contained initiatives to ensure that information collection systems are paired with effective systems to process, exploit and disseminate intelligence. Said there currently was an imbalance between collection and processing, exploitation and dissemination which greatly lessened the value of extremely capable collection systems. Supported unsuccessful efforts to increase funds in the FY02 DoD appropriations bill for homeland defense. She co-chairs the Congressional Working Group on China.

Additional: Father, Thomas J. D'Alesandro, Jr., served in Congress from 1939-1947, and was mayor of Baltimore, MD, 1947-1959; brother was mayor (1967-71).

AF Bases: None

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APPROPRIATIONS

SELECT INTELLIGENCE -- Ranking Democrat